## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Page 1,

line 6, delete ", Serial";

line 10, after "for" insert --the--;

line 14, after "such" insert --a--;

line 16, after "of" insert --a--;

line 18, change "Density" to --The density--

and change "device such as" to --devices such as a--;

line 19, after "In" insert --the--;

line 25, after "of" insert --a--; and

line 26, after "in" insert --the--.
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line 1, change "(silicone) wafer in" to

--(silicon) wafer in a--;

line 3, after "of" insert --a--;
line 6, after "in" insert --an--; and
line 13, change "softwares." to --software.--.

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Page 3,
             line 11, after "in" insert --the--;
             line 19, after "as" insert --being--; and
              line 26, after "reduce" insert --a--.
         Page 5,
              line 2, after "During" insert --an--;
              line 6, after "idealistically" insert --,--;
              line 7, change "in" to --at--; and
              line 15, after "with" insert --a-- and delete
"a".
          Page 6,
               line 13, delete "a" (second occurrence);
               line 24, after "of" insert --an--; and
               line 26, after "practically" insert --,--.
          Page 7,
               line 11, after "in" insert --the--;
                line 12, after "of" insert --an--;
                line 14, after "Specifically," insert
                line 15, after "with" insert --the--;
                line 16, change "use of" to --the use of an--;
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line 17, change "If for example" to --If, for
example, --;
                 line 21, after "For" insert --an--;
                 line 24, after "to" insert --an-- and after
"with" insert --a--; and
                 line 26, after "regards" insert --an--.
            Page 8,
                  line 1, after "shows" insert --the--;
                 line 5, after "optimizing" insert --a--;
line 6, after "increasing" insert --a--;
                  line 7, change "improvement of" to --improve
        line 8, change "can not" to --cannot--; after insert --a-- and after "is" insert --,-/;
 the--;
                  line 9, after "therefore" insert --,--;
                   line 16, after "for" insert --the--; and
                   line 21, after "such" insert --a--.
             Page 9,
                   line 4, after "having" insert --a--.
             Page 11,
                    line 19, after "explaining" insert --a--.
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Page 12,
                  line 18, after "explaining" insert --a--.
              Page 13,
                   line 5, after "explaining" insert --an--;
                   line 9, after "explaining" insert --an--;
                   line 13, change "Figure 20 is a schematic
    view" to |--Figures 20A through 20F are schematic views--;
                   line 19, after "of" insert --a--; and
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                   line 23, after "a" insert --wafer--.
               Page 14,
                    line 20, after "of" insert --a--.
               Page 16,
                    line 8, change "ten" to --tens of--; and
                    line 20, after "in" insert --a--.
               Page 17,
                    line 4, after "with" insert --a-- and after
     "as" insert --an--;
                     line 14, after "illustrated" insert --plate--;
                     line 19, after "(in" insert --the--;
                     line 21, after "in" insert --the-- (both
      occurrences); and
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line 24, after "If" insert --a-- and after
"in" insert --the--.
           Page 18,
                line 5, after "with" insert --the--;
                line 11, after "in" insert --the-- (both
occurrences);
                line 14, after "such" insert --a--;
                line 23, after "in" insert --the--; and
                 line 24, after "in" insert --the.
           Page 19,
                 line 6, after "called" insert --an--;
                 line 11, change "ten" to --tens of--;
line 12, change "can not" to --cannot--; and
                 line 26, delete "a" (first occurrence).
            Page 20,
                  line 7, delete "a";
                  line 11, change "In" to --On--; and
                  line 25, after "and" insert --a--.
             Page 21,
                  line 7, change "Any way," to --Anyway,--;
                  line 13, change "become" to --becomes--;
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line 14, after "While" insert --a--; and line 20, after "is" insert --of a--. Page 22, line 7, after "Here," insert --a--; line 9, after "of" insert --the--; line 14, after "with" insert --a--; line 15, after "embodiment" insert --,--; and line 23, after "of" insert --the--. Page 23, line 21, change "28," to --29,--; and line 26, after "Such" insert --a--. Page 24, line 22, after "of" insert --a--. Page 25, line 6, after "of" insert --the--; line 16, after "in" insert --the--; line 17, after "in" insert --the--; and line 21, after "If" insert --,-- and after "material" insert --,--. Page 26,

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line 2, after "in" insert --the--;

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line 3, after "in" insert --the--; and
               line 21, after "in" insert --the--.
          Page 27,
               line 14, after "has" insert --an--; and
               line 27, change "In" to --On--.
          Page 28,
               line 19, after "in" insert --the--;
               line 20, after "in" insert --the--;
               line 22, after "8" insert --,--;
               line 23, after "in" insert --the--;
               line 25, after "in" insert --the--; and
               line 27, after "in" insert --the--.
         Page 29,
               line 2, after "in" insert --the--;
               line 10, after "with" insert --the--;
               line 20, change "neighbourhood" insert
--neighborhood--; and
               line 26, after "Further," insert --although--
and after "embodiment" insert --,--.
          Page 30,
               line 2, after "with" insert --a--;
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line 3, after "like" insert --an--; line 15, change "In" to --On--; line 17, after "having" insert --a--; and line 18, change "complexed" to --complex--. <u>Page 31</u>, line 6, after "in" insert --a--; and line 8, after "in" insert --a--. Page 32, line 6, after "in" insert --a--; line 11, after "in" (first occurrence) insert --a--; line 17, after "in" insert --a--; line 20, after "to" insert --a--; line 21, after "to" insert --a--; line 25, after "of" insert --a--; and line 26, after "in" insert --a--. Page 33, line 2, after "of" insert --an--; line 8, after "on" insert --an--; line 13, after "in" insert --the--; line 23, after "in" insert --the--;

line 24, after "such" insert --a--; and line 26, after "to" insert --the--. Page 34, line 2, after "of" insert --a--; line 15, after "in" insert --the--;
line 24, after "in" insert --the--; line 25, after "during" insert --an--; and line 27, after "in" insert --the--. Page 35, line 6, change "Figure 20." to --Figures 20A to 20F.--; line 12, change "Portion (A) of Figure 20" to --Figure 20A--; line 14, change "Portion (B) of Figure 20" to --Figure 20B--; line 17, after "During" insert --a--; line 18, change "portion (C) or (D) of Figure" to --Figures 20C and--; line 19, change "20," to --20D,--; line 20, change "portion (C) of Figure 20, a gas is flown" to --Figure 20C, gas flows--;

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line 24, change "Portion (E) of Figure 20
shows such" to --Figure 20E shows such a--;
               line 26, after "in" insert --the--; and
               line 27, after "in" insert --the--.
          Page 36,
               line 4, after "such" insert --a--;
               line 16, delete "an";
               line 17, delete "(D)";
                line 18, change "of Figure 20," to --Figure
20D,--;
                line 19, change "portion (F) of Figure 20" to
 --Figure 20F--;
                line 22, after "for" insert --an--; and
                line 24, after "in" insert --the--.
           Page 37,
                line 5, after "in" insert --the--;
                 line 9, after "such" insert --an--;
                 line 11, change "Figure 20," to --Figures 20A
 to 20F,--;
                 line 13, after "during" insert --the--;
                 line 18, after "in" insert --the--;
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line 20, after "in" insert --the--;
line 21, after "such" insert --a--; and
line 26, after "of" insert --a--.

Page 38,

line 2, change "procedure for" to --a

procedure for the--;

line 4, after "(e.g." insert --,--;
line 16, after "includes" insert --an--;
line 17, after "and" insert --a--; and

line 19, change "operation check," to --an

A3 operation check, a--.

Page 39,

line 22, after "of" (first occurrence) insert

--the--.

Page 40,

line 5, after "compensated" insert ---for--;
line 7, after "compaction" insert ---,--; and
line 16, after "tens" insert ---of---.

Page 41,

line 14, after "such" insert --a--.

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Page 43,
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line 10, after "such" insert --a--; and line 12, change "a" (first occurrence) to

--an--.

### Page 44,

line 11, change "The magnesium" to

--Magnesium--;

line 19, after "on" insert --an--; and line 26, change "an" to --a--.

Page 45,

line 9, change | geometo-optical to

--geometro-optical--; and

line 24, change "Where" to --When--.

Page 47,

line 9, after "of" insert --the--; line 18, change "(p33.64)," to

--(p. 33.64), --; and

line 19, after "of" (first occurrence) insert --the--.

Page 48,

line 17, change "where" to --wherein--; and

line 23, after "thickness" insert --of--.

# Page 49,

line 19, change "1mm," to --of 1 mm,--.

## Page 50,

line 8, after "of" insert --a--; and line 21, change "30" to --130--.

### Page 51,

line 19, change "where" to --wherein--; and line 23, change "where" to --wherein--.

### Page 52,

line 1, after "practically" insert --,--; and line 14, after "as" insert --being--.

### Page 53,

line 8, after "such" insert --a--; and line 16, after "embodiment," insert --a--.

### Page 54,

line 18, after "of" insert --a--; and line 23, change "in" to --with--.

### Page 56,

line 18, change "can not" to --cannot--; and line 22, after "such" insert --a--.

Page 57,

line 1, change "in" to --with--.

Page 58,

line 1, after "in" insert --a--; and line 25, after "in" insert --a--.

Page 59,

line 7, after "of" insert --a--;
line 11, after "in" insert --a--; and
line 27, change "has" to --have--.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please add claims 11 through 26 as follows:

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--11. A projection optical system comprising:

a plurality of optical elements; and

correcting means for correcting birefringence of

said optical elements.